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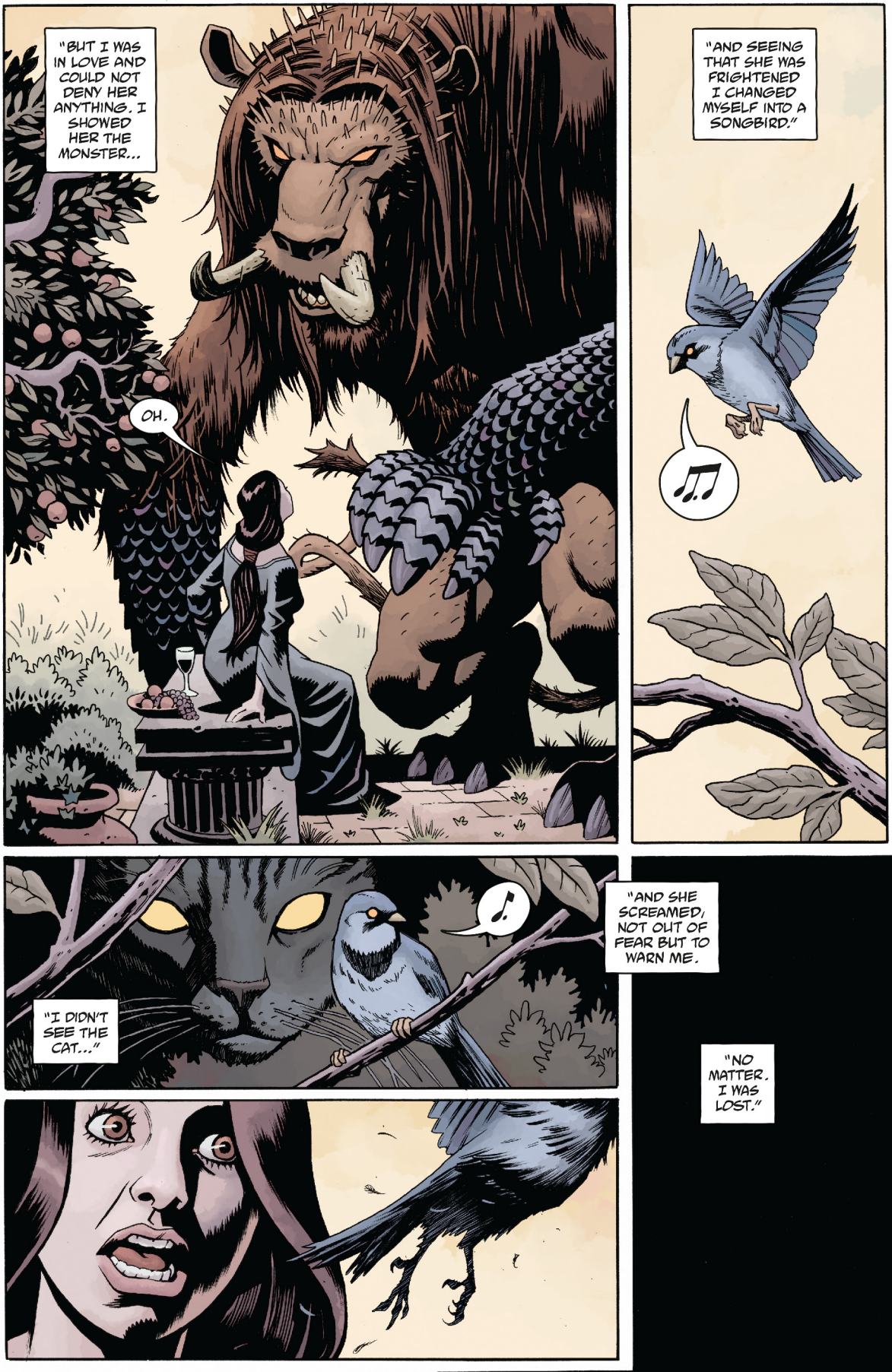
THE CASTLE OF MORGAN LE FAY...
I'VE TOLD YOU HER STORY--MY STORY--THE MORGAN THAT IS, THE MORGAN THAT WAS...
"I ONCE RODE WITH PRINCES..."
NOW WON'T YOU TELL ME YOUR STORY?
THE GRUAGACH THAT WAS...

"FOUGHT AND SLEW GIANTS...
"AND I HAD GREAT POWERS. I COULD CHANGE MYSELF INTO A MONSTER...
"AND I FELL IN LOVE."
PLEASE.
I WON'T.
YOU'LL BE TOO FRIGHTENED.
"IF SHE SCREAMED I KNEW I WOULD LOSE MY POWERS AND DISAPPEAR FOREVER."
?
WHY WOULD THAT HAPPEN?
I DON'T REMEMBER.


"BUT I WAS IN LOVE AND COULD NOT DENY HER ANYTHING. I SHOWED HER THE MONSTER...
OH.
"AND SEEING THAT SHE WAS FRIGHTENED I CHANGED MYSELF INTO A SONGBIRD."
"AND SHE SCREAMED, NOT OUT OF FEAR BUT TO WARN ME.
"I DIDN'T SEE THE CAT..."
"NO MATTER. I WAS LOST."

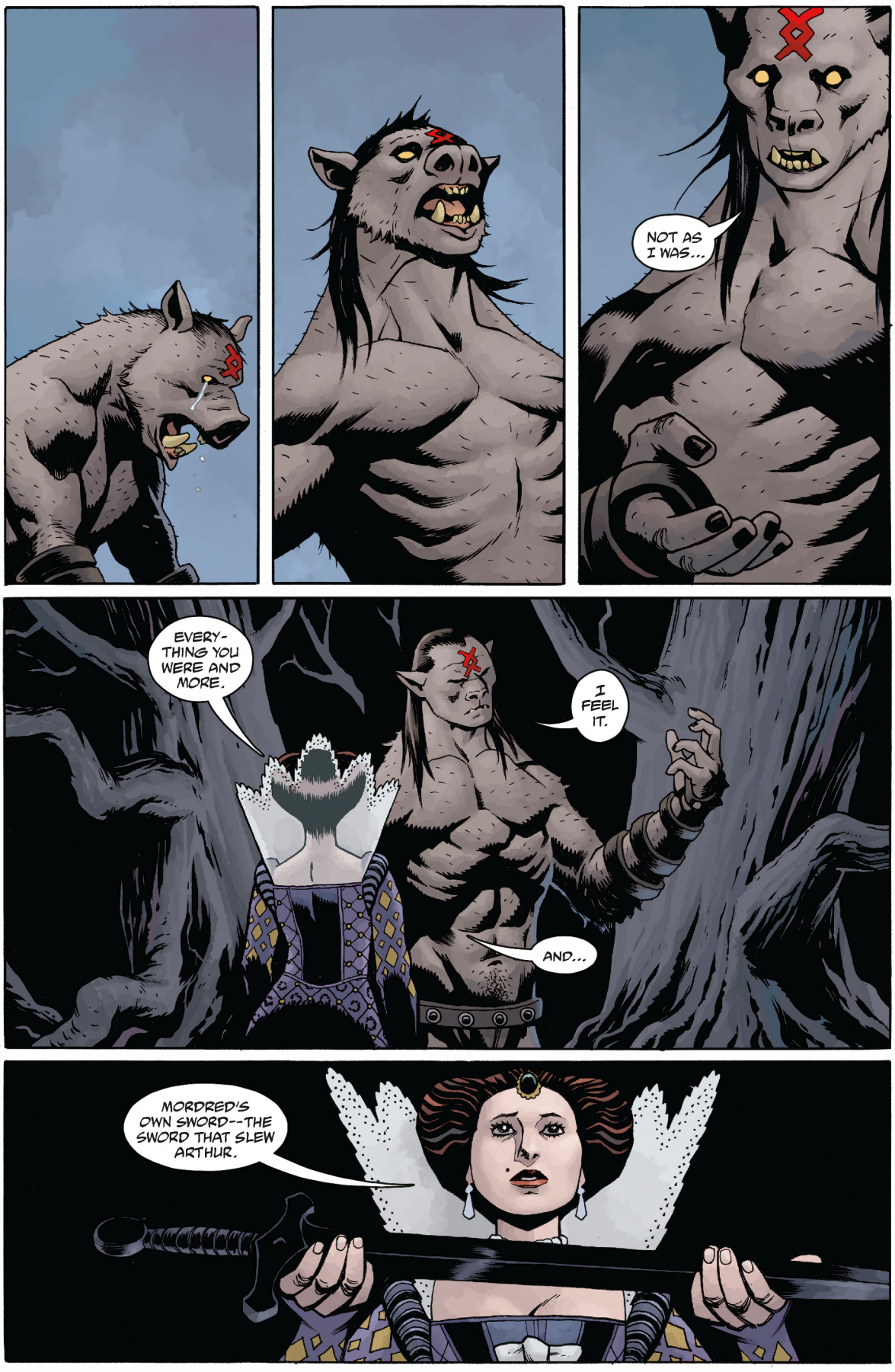
"I WANDERED A LONG TIME...
"TILL I WAS CHANGED--SHAPED INTO A BABY TO EXCHANGE FOR A REAL HUMAN CHILD.
"BUT I WAS DISCOVERED..."
!
"BURNED WITH IRON, I SWORE REVENGE..."
HA! WHERE'S YOUR IRON NOW, HELLBOY?!
"I LOOSED GROM, LAST OF THE FOMORIAN GIANTS..."
JEEZ!

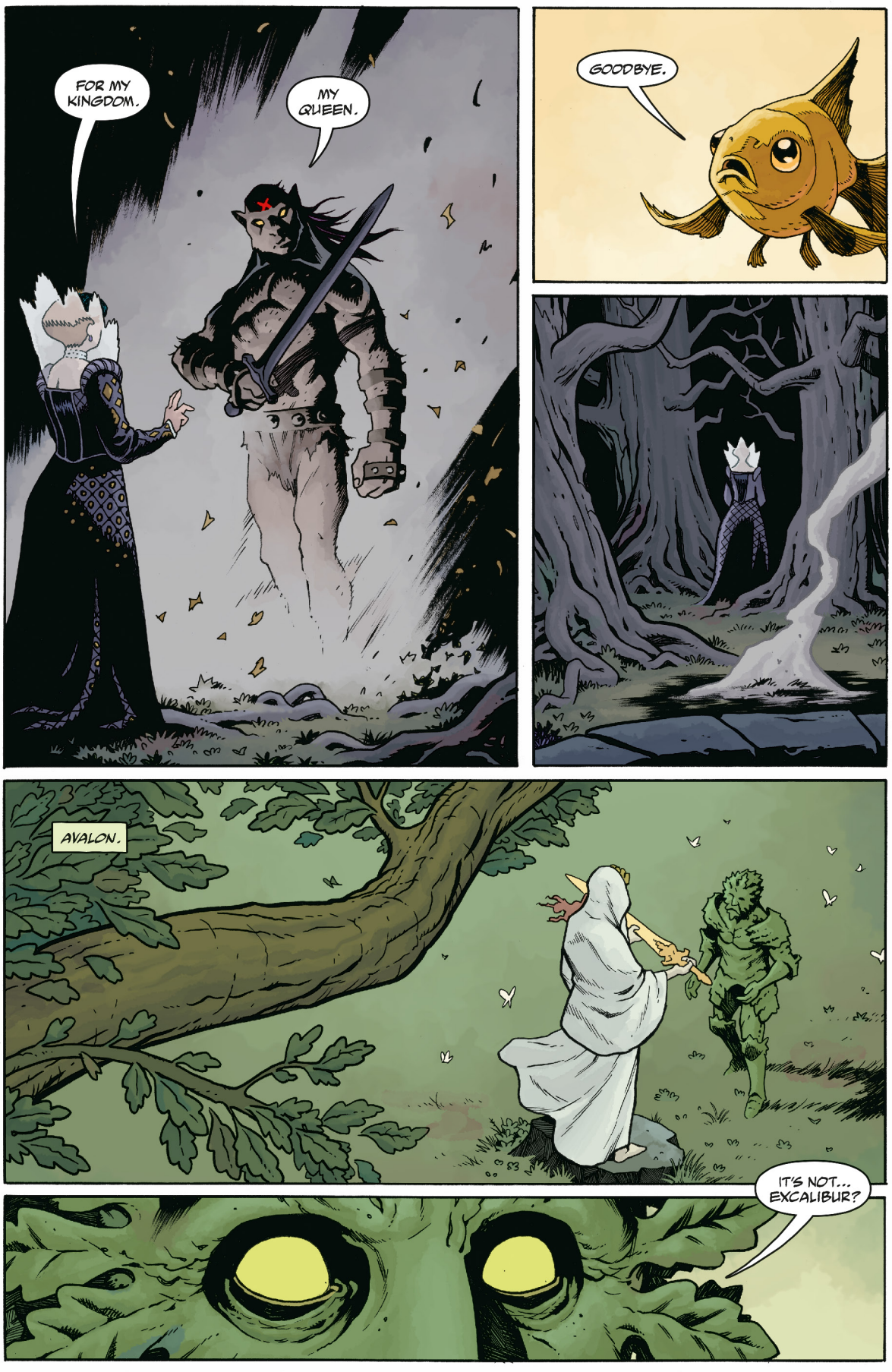
GIK--
UKUK UK
GET LOST!
SADLY THAT DID NOT WORK OUT WELL FOR ME.
I LIVED IN A BUSH. I HATCHED SOME PLANS...
"I PLEDGED MYSELF TO SERVE AN ANCIENT WITCH IN A BOX..."
BADHBH, MACHA, AND MOR-RIOGHAIN
CHANGE ME! MAKE ME STRONG AGAIN--
IT WAS A MISTAKE.

OH.
YOU CAN'T. YOU DON'T HAVE THE--
WHAT!
SWACK
I WAS ALONE AGAIN.
BRA-BRAMM
AHHH!
PLEASE.
NO MERCY FOR YOU, PIG.

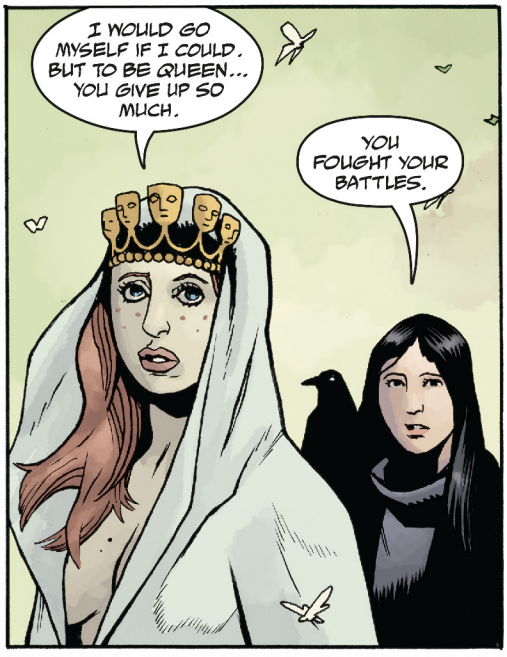
YOU THOUGHT TO SEE YOUR RACE COME AGAIN. BUT HOW--WHEN YOU CUT OUT ITS HEART?
AAAHHHHHH
"SUFFER BUT DO NOT DIE, TILL THE WORLD CEASES TO TURN."
ALL BECAUSE HE BURNED ME WITH IRON.
IMMORTALITY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A CURSE.

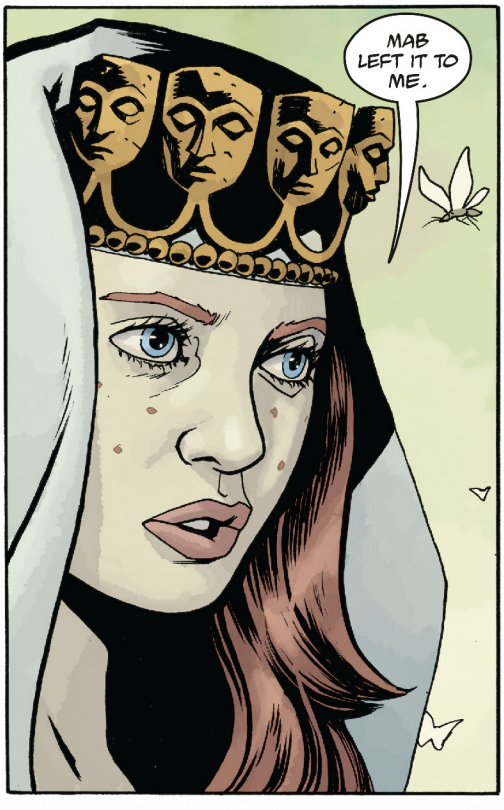
TO HAVE JUST ONE DAY...TO BE AS I WAS.
ARE YOU READY THEN?
MY OWN BLOOD.
TO MAKE ME GREAT AGAIN. TO MAKE ME...


NOT AS I WAS...
EVERY-THING YOU WERE AND MORE.
I FEEL IT.
AND...
MORDRED'S OWN SWORD--THE SWORD THAT SLEW ARTHUR.


FOR MY KINGDOM.
MY QUEEN.
GOODBYE.
AVALON.
IT'S NOT... EXCALIBUR?

NO. THAT SWORD HAS GONE BACK TO THE AGES. THIS IS THE FIRST SWORD FORGED IN THIS BORN-AGAIN LAND OF OURS.
I HOPE IT MIGHT BE THE LAST.
IT HAS NO NAME. IN THE FUTURE THEY WILL CALL IT THE GREEN MAN'S SWORD...
OR MAYBE WITCH-FINDER...
A BETTER NAME FOR A SWORD THAN A MAN.
THERE GOES MY HEART.


I WOULD GO MYSELF IF I COULD. BUT TO BE QUEEN... YOU GIVE UP SO MUCH.
YOU FOUGHT YOUR BATTLES.


MAB LEFT IT TO ME.

YOU EARNED IT. I REMEMBER.

I WILL NOT SURRENDER IT...

"...CERTAINLY NOT TO HER."
BOOOOM

WHATEVER ELSE HE MAY BE--
HE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE.
YOU ARE HER CREATURE?
I AM THE GRUAGACH OF LOUGH LEANE...
AND I CLAIM ALL THESE LANDS FOR THEIR RIGHTFUL QUEEN, MORGAN LE FAY.
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS ONE CHANCE--GO BACK TO YOUR LADY AND TELL HER ALICE IS QUEEN IN AVALON...

TODAY...
TOMORROW...
AND A HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS, I HOPE.
I WILL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU, TREE-MAN. I COULDN'T GO BACK IF I WANTED TO.
I DON'T KNOW HOW.
ALL RIGHT THEN...

KRANG
KAANG
KRAAK

HA! I FOUGHT GIANTS!
KANG
I RODE OUT WITH DAGDA!
I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE HIS SONS!

KANG
I KNEW DAGDA...

"HE WAS A GREAT KING..."

AND NOW YOU SERVICE A WITCH...
KANG

WHAT'S HE WAITING FOR?
PATIENCE...

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE--
KANG
KAANG
FALLEN!
I SAID I'D GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE--
SAVE YOUR MERCY, PLANT...

I HAVE NO NEED OF IT!
EDWARD.
COME BACK TO ME.
TO BE CONCLUDED...